



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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Informational

All Providers, Primary Care Montana, Team Care

Referrals, Medical Orders, and Prior Authorization Requirements Beginning July 1, 2026.

The Primary Care Montana (PCMT) Program began on July 1, 2026. The Passport to Health (Passport), Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), and Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) programs ended on June 30, 2026. After June 30, 2026, there will no longer be a requirement to include a Passport referral ID number on claims. Claims for dates of service on or before June 30, 2026, will require a Passport referral ID number on the claim.

The Passport referral requirement will be removed; however, other Administrative Rules of Montana provisions and provider specific policies regarding medical orders, referrals, and prior authorizations will continue to govern when and how each is required. Rendering providers should review their provider specific manuals and fee schedules to determine which services require a referral, a medical order, and/or prior authorization; and how those requirements must be documented and submitted. Please review your provider manual and fee schedule on the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information Website at medicaidprovider.mt.gov.

Contact Information

For PCMT questions please contact Brook Sturm, Primary Care Value-Based Program Specialist, by email at MTPrimaryCarePrograms@mt.gov.

For questions about medical orders, referrals, and/or prior authorizations, please contact your Program Officer or visit your provider specific manual on the Provider Information Website at medicaidprovider.mt.gov.